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FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD OF OPPOSITE SIDES

**OF PANELS** 

**Art Group in Parent:** 

3635

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## **CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 8-62491, filed in Japan on March 19, 1996.

A certified copy of the above-referred-to Japanese Patent Application was submitted on March 18, 1997 in prior U.S. Application Serial No. 08/820,231, filed March 18, 1997.

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